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## ***PUBLIC NOTICE***

**P/N# 2005-1N-440-P/C, SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION,**  
is being re-advertised as outlined in the enclosed public notice.

**Comments will be received on this notice until March 26, 2006. For further information please contact the project manager for this activity, Curtis Joyner, 843-747-4323 ext. 115.**

 February 24, 2006

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

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**JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE**

**February 24, 2006**

**-between-**

**CHARLESTON DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS**

**69A Hagood Avenue**

**Charleston, South Carolina 29403-5107**

**-and-**

**S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

**OFFICE OF OCEAN AND COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

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**-and-**

**S.C. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL**

**OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL**

**WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION AND WETLANDS PROGRAMS SECTION**

**2600 Bull Street**

**Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403), Sections 401 and 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344), and the South Carolina Coastal Zone Management Act (48-39-10 et seq.) a permit application (P/N #2005-1N-440-P-C (Extension)) has been submitted to the Department of the Army and the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control by

**SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

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**COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29201**

for a permit to construct a four lane limited access highway that connects the proposed South Carolina State Ports Authority marine container terminal at the Charleston Naval Complex to Interstate 26.

A Public Notice describing the proposed project was issued on January 13, 2006. The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) has requested that the comment period for the proposed project be extended 30 days, from February 17, until March 20, 2006, so that additional meetings and Public Information Workshops can be held and additional public feedback can be submitted. The locations, dates, and times of these meetings will be released by the SCDOT in the near future.

In order to give all interested parties an opportunity to express their views,

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is hereby given that written statements regarding the proposed work will be received by the above mentioned offices until

**12 O'CLOCK NOON, MONDAY, 20 MARCH 2006**

from those interested in the activity and whose interests may be affected by the proposed work.

On March 7, 2003, the Corps issued a Public Notice (PN # 2003-1T-016) advertising the proposed South Carolina State Ports Authority (SCSPA) marine container terminal at the south end of the former Charleston Navy Base. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that was prepared to address the potential environmental consequences of developing a marine container terminal and associated transportation infrastructure improvements was released on October 21, 2005.

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The permit application for the proposed marine container terminal indicated that SCDOT in conjunction with the State Infrastructure Bank, the South Carolina Railways Commission, and the Charleston Area Transportation Study will be planning rail and highway access to serve the SCSPA's needs on the former Charleston Navy Base. A broad permit application showing five potential access roadway corridors was submitted by SCDOT on August 11, 2005.

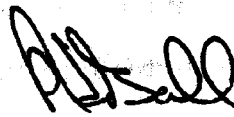
In conjunction with the preparation of the Draft EIS for the proposed marine container terminal, an Access Roadway Feasibility Study is being prepared to identify and evaluate potential access roadway corridors. The attached drawings show the location of five potential roadway corridors that provide direct access from the proposed port terminal to Interstate 26. These five roadway corridors were first identified in the summer of 2005 and were included in the Draft EIS.

The preliminary findings of the Access Roadway Feasibility Study suggest that Alternative 1C would minimize potential impacts to the adjacent community and the environment. However, all five roadway corridors are still being evaluated and are being presented to the public to obtain feedback. Public comments will be used to determine if additional studies should be prepared to further evaluate the five alternatives or if a specific corridor should be presented as the proposed roadway corridor.

The Feasibility Study also shows that the construction of a port access road would likely require that two existing interchanges, Meeting Street Road (Exit 217) and Spruill Avenue (Exit 218), be closed. In order to replace the local access to Interstate 26 that would be interrupted if Exits 217 and 218 were closed, a local access road that connects to Hackemann Street is also being considered.

The proposed project consists of the development of a four lane limited access highway, a local access road, and a new access road to Cooper River Marina. The development of the proposed port access road would result in dredge and fill activities within waters of the U.S. The project purpose is to develop an access roadway that connects the proposed marine container terminal to Interstate 26. All comments that are received in response to this Public Notice will be considered in the evaluation of both the proposed roadway project and the EIS for the proposed marine container terminal.

If there are any questions concerning this public notice, please contact me at 843-329-8044 or toll free at 1-866-329-8187.



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